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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club v. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Docket No. 2017-207-E

Request of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to SCE&G Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920; Docket No. 2017-305-E

Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plan; Docket No. 2017-370-E

## Dear Mr. Butler:

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") and Dominion Energy, Inc. ("Joint Applicants") are writing to you in your capacity as Hearing Officer in the above-referenced dockets. On May 23, 2018, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a Motion to Compel Discovery Responses and Production by SCE&G and Dominion ("Motion") with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"). The deadline to respond to the Motion is June 4, 2018. The purpose of this letter is to request, pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-829 (2012), that you grant the Joint Applicants a one-week extension of time within which to file its response to ORS's Motion.

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In its Motion, ORS, among other things, takes issue with SCE&G's assertion of the attormey-client and work product privileges. In response to ORS's claims concerning privilege, SCE&G is giving much thought and serious consideration to producing documents responsive to ORS requests, notwithstanding the valid assertions of privilege respecting those documents. As a result, SCE&G requires additional time to weigh this most important matter and formulate its response to ORS's Motion. For these reasons, Joint Applicants respectfully request that you issue a directive granting them until June 11, 2018, to file their response to ORS's Motion. For planning purposes and because Joint Applicants' response is currently due June 4, 2018, Joint Applicants respectfully request that its request be ruled upon by the close of business today, and we apologize for any inconvenience that our request may cause you.

I have consulted with ORS's counsel on this matter, and I am authorized to inform you that ORS has graciously agreed to consent to the Joint Applicants' request. Assuming the request is granted, and after ORS has had the opportunity to reply to the Joint Applicants' response, Joint Applicants and ORS jointly request the Commission to render a decision on ORS's Motion as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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cc: All Parties of Record